



LT. CODY NORTH AND SERGEANT JIB LOMAX OF HARBOR PATROL TAKE ON A SPECIAL JOB... RECOVERY OF A TINY SUNKEN TREASURE...



OKAY, MR. DYBERT... WE'LL DO OUR BEST!



THAT WAS THE 'GO AHEAD' FROM TRASK INDEMNITY ON THAT JEWEL RECOVERY SET-UP, JIB!

LET'S GO!



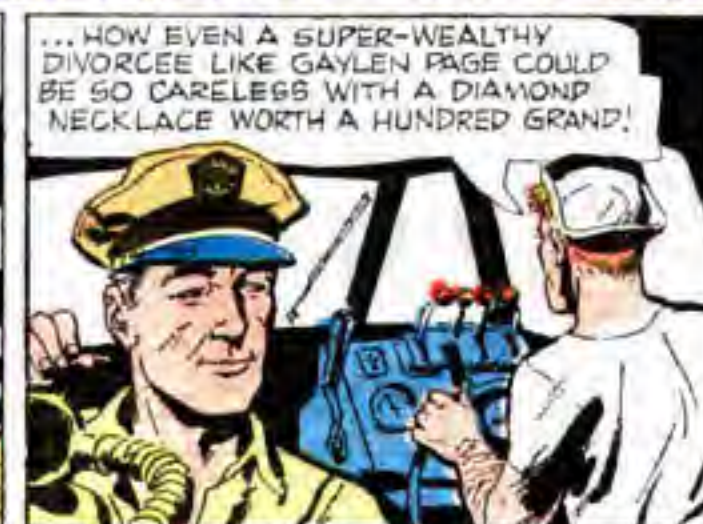
IT'S BEEN QUITE A SPELL SINCE OUR LAST SKIN-DIVING JOB, HASN'T IT, CODY?

ALMOST SIX MONTHS, I'D SAY!



POINT HER FOR SAN FELIPE CHANNEL, JIB... I'LL GET OUR GEAR READY! MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF DIVES BEFORE SUNSET!

RIGHT! Y'KNOW I WAS JUST THINKING...



...HOW EVEN A SUPER-WEALTHY DIVORCEE LIKE GAYLEN PAGE COULD BE SO CARELESS WITH A DIAMOND NECKLACE WORTH A HUNDRED GRAND!



WELL, I UNDERSTAND SHE WAS THROWING A KING-SIZED PARTY ABOARD HER CRUISER AND WITH GALLONS OF WASSAIL FLOWING EVEN A MISER WOULD GET CARELESS!

YEAH! GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!



HEY! LOOK! THAT SLINKY DIRK CARLIN AND HIS 'DEE SEE' ARE HEADING INTO THE CHANNEL, TOO!

IT'S A WIDE OPEN OCEAN, JIB, AND HE HAS HIS RIGHTS!



WHILE ABOARD THE 'DEE SEE'...

THINK WE'LL HAVE TIME ENOUGH DIRK?

SURE! THIS CRATE IS TEN KNOTS AN HOUR FASTER THAN THAT BUCKET OF NORTH'S!



I WONDER WHY THEY'RE IN SUCH A COTTON-PICKIN' HURRY!

MUST BE A FAST BUCK TO BE MADE! DIRK WOULD STOOP TO ANYTHING FOR A GREENBACK... EXCEPT HONEST LABOR!

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COODY AND JOE IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GET A LEAD ON NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS LIES AND JOE COUNTING COASTAL NIGHT-SPOTS.



JOE WE HAVEN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING NORTHWALLS.

EXCEPT THAT BEAUTIFUL EURASIAN, LOLA WARRING.



JOE'S RIGHT! LOLA IS SCANDINAVIAN, BUT I CAN'T QUOTE HER ON HER ASSOCIATION WITH STOCKMAN PILOT TROY PLUMER - A SHIPS STEWARDESS AND A SOCIETY LEADER.

WHILE DRIVING ALONG THE COAST ON THEIR WAY BACK TO PIER 19.



HEY COODY! LOOK AT THAT LITTLE FLOAT PLANE OUT THERE IN SAN PEDRO'S CHANNEL!



HE MUST BE PRACTISING LANDINGS IN THE OPEN SEA!

AT THIS HOUR IT'LL BE DARK WITHIN A FEW MINUTES!



ABOARD THE SMALL FLOAT PLANE THAT HAS ATTRACTED COODY AND JOE'S ATTENTION.

THERE'S OUR SECOND 'FLOOON' - AND NOT TOO SOON EITHER! LIGHT'S FAIRING FAST!



GOOD MORNINGS! WE'VE GOT BOTH OF 'EM, CENTER!



A GREAT DAY'S WORK. LET'S HEAD FOR THE 'HARBOR'.

OCEAN, SKIPPER.



WHO EVER IT IS THEY'RE TAKING A BIG CHANCE FLYING AFTER DARK.

WAGER THEY WERE TAKING THE RISK FOR SOMETHING VALUABLE OUT THERE!



YOU ARE SO RIGHT, JOE! A WHOLE RANSOM IN VALUE - AND UNDOUBTEDLY WORTH TAKING A RISK FOR!

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SAYLEN PAGE IS FRANTIC WITH FEAR AS THE SLEEK CRUISER IS ABOUT TO BE SMASHED TO BITS ON A ROCKY SHORELINE...



P-PLEASE HELP ME!

WING PAGE! GO FORWARD TO THE BOW CLEAT! WE'RE DROPPING A LINE!



GREAT SHOT, JIB!



FASTEN THE LOOP AROUND THE CLEAT! ...BUT HURRY!



NOW HOLD ON! WE'LL TRY TO TOW THE BOAT SEAWARD!

G-GOOD! THANKS!



I'LL GO AS NEAR THE SURFACE AS POSSIBLE, JIB! TELL ME WHEN SLACK IS TAKEN UP!

RIGHT!



OKAY, CODY! POUR ON THE COAL!

I HOPE WE HAVE POWER ENOUGH TO DRAG THAT HEAVY CRUISER AGAINST THE TIDE!

BUT THE STRAIN ON THE COPTER IS TOO MUCH...



WE JUST CAN'T MAKE IT!



ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO... I'LL GO DOWN THE ROPE- START THE ENGINES AND HEAD FOR OPEN SEA!

IT'LL BE TRICKY, JIB... AND PLENTY DANGEROUS! BUT THERE'S A LIFE AT STAKE!... GOOD LUCK, AMIGO!

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JIB IS ABOUT TO MAKE THE PERILOUS DESCENT ONTO THE BOW DECK OF GAYLEN PAGE'S STRICKEN CRUISER...



KEEP'ER STEADY, CODY! I'M ON MY WAY DOWN!

LET GO THE ROPE A BIT ABOVE THE BOAT, JIB! THAT SEA'S GOT HER BOUNCING LIKE MAD!

HOVERING OVER THE DRIFTING BOAT, CODY MANEUVERS THE 'COPTER WITH JIB DANGLING FROM THE ROPE...



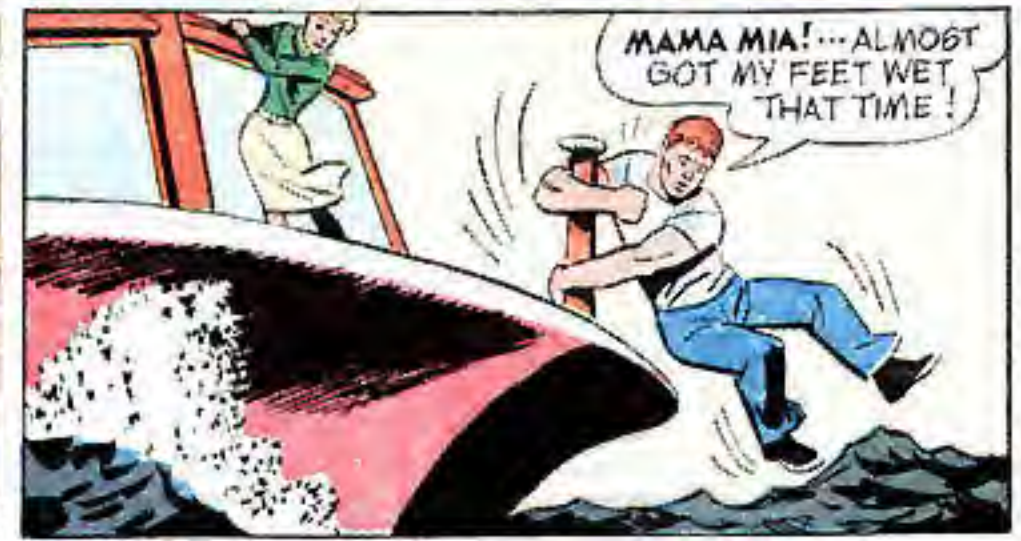
BROTHERRR! WHAT A LOT OF MAN THIS GUY IS!

**WHEEW!**  
...TOUGHER THAN I'D FIGURED IT'D BE... I'LL DROP AS THE BOW DIPS INTO THE NEXT TROUGH!

BUT AS JIB RELEASES THE ROPE THE BOAT COMES UP IN A VEERING YAW IN THE CHOPPY SEA...



**THUD!**



MAMA MIA!... ALMOST GOT MY FEET WET THAT TIME!

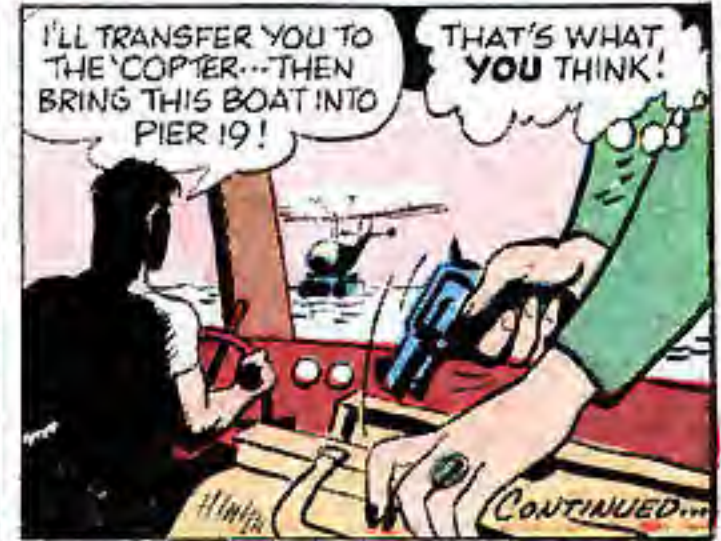


WHAT YOU JUST DID WAS A REAL THRILLER!

THANKS! HOLD THE WHEEL UNTIL I COAX THESE ENGINES INTO GIVING THEIR ALL!



ANOTHER THIRTY SECONDS AND WE'D HAVE BEEN ON THOSE ROCKS!



I'LL TRANSFER YOU TO THE 'COPTER... THEN BRING THIS BOAT INTO PIER 19!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

Stripper's Guide  
Scan DEE SEE

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